IIM in Orissa

134. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 7th IIM is proposed to be set up in Shillong;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a project is also proposed to be set up in the most backward tribal-dominated Orissa which does not have any kind of institute of repute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Shillong (Meghalaya) has been identified to set up another Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in the North Eastern Region. To meet the needs of the country it is felt, that to begin with, the IIMs have to consolidate, so that students from all over the country, could take advantage of the quality education provided by IIMs. However, at present there is no proposal to set up any IIM in Orissa.

International approval for technical education

135. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's system of technical education has not been approved internationally inspite of our best efforts for more than a decade;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), India's system of technical education is accepted internationally for the purpose of higher education. Further, the AICTE has taken steps to become part of the Washington Accord for the purpose of acceptance of AICTE's Accreditation mechanism among the signatory countries of the Accord.